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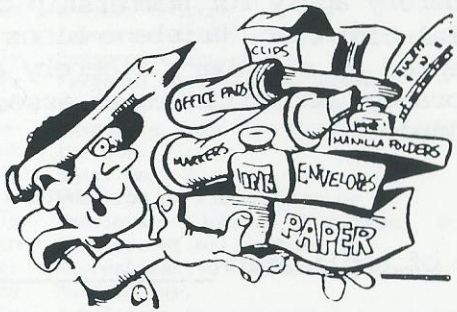


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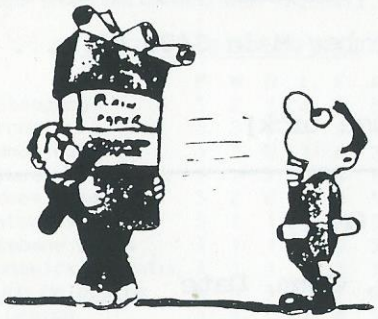

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WEST END

# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

# BRISBANE LIONS
# V
# SUNSHINE G.C.

## THE TEAMS

**BRISBANE LIONS**

- JASON KEARTON
- FRANK LIDDELL
- ALAN NIVEN
- ALEX CUMMINGS
- NICK MEREDITH
- RUSSELL STEWART
- MARTIN KIRSOPP
- JOHN OGDEN
- DAVID WHEELER
- GRANT LIGHTBOWN
- PETER DWYER
- FRANK MENGOTTI
- BRETT DRUERY
- RICHARD BASSINGTHWAIGHTE
- DAVID HUNTER
- PHILIP KERR
- ROB FARROW

*COACH:* JUAN CUTILLAS

**SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS**

- SEAN KEOGH
- SHAUN PARTON
- CHRIS TAYLOR
- LES CARTER
- JEFF FAULKNER
- DON MacLAREN
- JOHN MARKOVSKI
- JOHN CAMPELJ
- ANDREW MARTH
- STEVE RICHARDSON
- MARK LENNON
- GARY CLARK
- ROBERT MARKOVAC
- T. MARKOVSKI

*COACH:* JOHN GARDINER


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# PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome once again to members, supporters and of course, our visitors from Sunshine George Cross. Tonight marks the fourth round of this years West End NSL fixtures and I am sure that everyone is in for a big treat. Both teams will be out to go for the full two points in order to maintain keeping up with the early race for premiership honours.

At time of writing this report, news had filtered back of our loss to Sydney Croatia of 3-0 in the Beach Fashions Cup clash. Not quite the result we wanted to hear, but maybe it is a blessing in disguise for our boys to concentrate on the NSL fixtures and consolidate on the good start to the season. Once again I would like to remind everyone that there is food and entertainment on after the game, and being a Saturday night, I hope you will take the opportunity to relax and enjoy.

On behalf of the club, I would like to welcome Frank Mengotti to the team and club, and hope that he enjoys his soccer here and wish him all the best of success for the season. So, with the formalities over, I would like to join you, our members and supporters, in watching a first class game of soccer.

Yours in sport,
**JOHN MORCUS, *PRESIDENT***


# DINNER DANCE

*TO CELEBRATE THE RE-OPENING OF THE*

## LIONS DEN

## Saturday, 12th March at 7.30pm

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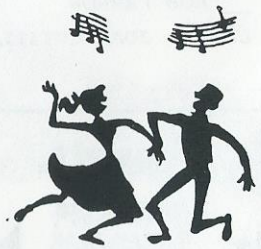

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or phone Jenny at the office on 271 3609


# TODAY'S GAME

Today, we will be playing against the Melbourne based team of Sunshine George Cross. Sunshine G.C. had a very shaky start - losing by 6-0 against Marconi, but their last two results - a 1-0 loss to Sydney Croatia and the remarkable 1-0 win over Apia Leichhardt only shows the real character of the team.

On the other hand, our team, Brisbane Lions, have been responding well to the early challenge of the N.S.L. Contrasting results in our last encounters with a remarkable victory over Marconi and a 3-1 loss to the very strong Sydney Olympic Greek team.

I believe the win against Marconi is in everybody's mind. It was a tribute to our "never say die" attitude which is one of the characteristics of our team throughout the season. We can summarize our performance against Marconi saying that we did not play up to our standards, but we deserved to win. We were against the ropes for most of the rounds but we connected the knockout punch that floored Marconi. The penalty after a good build-up by Wheeler and Dwyer only shows the mental fitness and skill of Russell Stewart when under tremendous pressure of minutes to go, responded with a perfectly executed shot sending the Marconi 'keeper in the wrong direction.

Everything started wrong for us in our game against Sydney Olympic at the Parramatta Stadium. We arrived at the venue barely 15 minutes before the game due to a flight delay from Brisbane. Because of the lack of prior match preparation, we started very sluggish and we paid dearly for it. An own goal plus another gift contributed to the first two goals of Olympic in the space of 3 minutes. A third goal and the send-off of Meredith left the team with so much work to do after being three goals down and nearly 70 minutes to go. Olympic went all out for the killing but Lions not only held them back, but scored the only goal for the remainder of the game from Brett Druery. This man has a habit of scoring in the last minutes of a game.

Today's game is going to be tough and vital for both teams. Meredith's send-off is another blow to add to the list of injured players. I am writing this article before leaving to Sydney on Wednesday, 17th Feb. to play against Sydney Croatia in the Beach Fashions Cup and I hope the game goes well for us - meaning no injuries or send-offs, and of course, a good result. Needless to say, the game will take a pretty heavy toll on our players just two days before our encounter today. However, you can be sure we will find the extra stamina and determination not to let Sunshine George Cross take the points from Richlands.

**JUAN CUTILLAS, *COACH***

**WEST END**

# LOOKING BACK....

*with TREVOR MOORE*

This evening we welcome to Richlands the players and officials of Sunshine George Cross, the NSL's youngest club, formed in 1982. November of that year saw the merger of two established Victorian State League clubs, Sunshine City and George Cross. Sunshine had started off in 1946 as Western Suburbs, one year later, a group of Maltese businessmen formed the George Cross club. Before the merger, the Maltese backed club was by far the better performed of the two. Victorian State League Premiers in 1977 - they were highly successful in Cup competitions, winning both the Dockerty Cup and Ampol Cup three times as well as the 1982 Buffalo Cup. George Cross achieved their greatest triumph in 1964 when they defeated Sydney giants, Apia, by 3-2 to win the Australia Cup. Sunshine on the other hand had to be content with unsuccessful finals appearances in the 1967 and 1975 Dockerty Cup, Victoria's oldest and most prestigious trophy.

The amalgamation in 1982 eventuated after George Cross had spent that season sharing the Chaplin Reserve, the home of Sunshine whose support had dwindled dramatically since the mid 1970's. In their 35 year existence, George Cross had used nine different venues for home games and needed a stable home base to attract back the strong Maltese support. In the 1983 season, the new club finished a creditable fifth in the State League. This was enough to be selected as one of the clubs to join the expanding NSL in 1984.

The step up to National League level proved to be far more difficult than expected and the club struggled from the start, at one stage losing eight out of nine games. After finishing last in the National (Southern) Conference, they only retained NSL status because no Victorian State League club wished to be promoted. 1985 saw a dramatic improvement to finish sixth, one point and one place above Lions. Further improvement in 1986 saw them finish fourth and this was sufficient to qualify on the order of merit for the restructured 1987 NSL. For much of last season, relegation seemed inevitable although the folding of Sydney City meant that only one team would drop. After 20 games, George Cross had recorded just one victory and was stranded in last place, three points behind Heidelberg. It is now history, the events on and off the field saw Heidelberg, one of the League's founding members suffer the drop back to State League.

Lions and Sunshine George Cross have met six times in NSL fixtures with three wins to Lions and one drawn match. Their first meeting was at Richlands in June 1984 when a hat-trick by Joe Cairney inspired Lions to a 4-2 victory. The line-ups on that day were:-

Lions: Farrow, Jackson, Charlton, Vasquez, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, McDonagh, Daunt and Cairney.

Sunshine George Cross: Contini, Bennett, O'Rielly, Richardson, Taylor, Jovanovic, McGorian, R. MacLaren, Toal, D. MacLaren and Bain.

The fourth goal for Lions was scored by Calvin Daunt while the MacLaren Brothers netted for Sunshine. The last League meeting was also at Richlands, in July 1986 when a goal by Irish import, David Richardson was not enough to prevent a 3-1 loss for Lions. The clubs have not met in NSL Cup games.

The current Sunshine George Cross coach is John Gardiner. Born in Dundee, he played professionally with Peterborough in England and East Fife in Scotland before moving to Australia to line up for the old George Cross club. He spent six seasons there, his outstanding form in 1971 saw him win the inaugural Rothmans Medal despite missing eight games being one of a group of players in dispute with the club. He followed up in 1972 by winning the medal again. When the Philips Soccer League commenced in 1977, John was part of the South Melbourne Hellas team which finished a disappointing eleventh. Following coaching stints with Croatia and Polonia in the State League, he returned to Sunshine George Cross in 1984 after their disastrous initial season in NSL ranks. By my calculations he is the second longest serving of the current NSL coaches (behind St George's Frank Arok).

John Gardiner has worked wonders on a limited budget with a club which cannot compete with the likes of Marconi or South Melbourne when it comes to big money transfers. This season the club outlayed $8000 for Green Gully midfielder, Les Carter but lost outstanding youngster, Paul Trimboli to South Melbourne. In their first three games this year they were dumped out of the Beach Fashions Cup by Adelaide City and suffered League defeats by Marconi and Sydney Croatia. After this disastrous start they were undoubtedly most people's favourites for relegation. Last weekend's 1-0 victory over champions Apia proved yet again that they are not a club to go down without a fight. Just ask Heidelberg.

Listed below are a few points of interest on some of the men Lions are expected to face this evening.

**Chris Taylor** (Defender) bron 10/9/59. Made his debut in the club's first NSL match in March 1984 and has been a regular first choice since. Came to Australia from England in 1981 to play for Sunshine City and scored on his debut (against George Cross!) Has been used as a winger and in midfield but is more at home at fullback.

**Jeff Faulkner** (Midfield) born 12/1/56. Came from English non-league football to Australia in 1978 and was part of Preston's rise to NSL status. Made 18 NSL appearances for Preston before moving to Melbourne Croatia. Joined George Cross from Croatia in 1984 for $8000.

**Shaun Parton** (Defender) born 7/9/61. First appeared in the NSL in March 1981 making his only appearance for Footscray as a substitute. Moved on to Melbourne Croatia in 1982 and made 41 NSL appearances for that club before joining George Cross. He is a former Victorian youth rep and his strength in the air makes him a danger at set pieces.

**Don MacLaren** (Midfield) born 7/8/59. A professional with Hearts in Scotland and also spent six months with the New York Eagles before venturing to Australia. Scored 18 goals in 109 appearances for Canberra after making his NSL debut in June 1979. A talented ballplayer, he joined Sunshine in 1984 for $8500.

**John Markovski** (Striker) born 15/4/70. Current NSL Young Player of the Year. A Sunshine junior, he scored in his first full NSL game against Green Gully in April 1986. Possesses an explosive shot and has scored some spectacular long range goals. The subject of early season transfer specualtion he turned down a move to South Melbourne Hellas but seems certain to join the exodus of talented young players to Europe once this season is completed.

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## JIMMY GREAVES

Turning 48 today is legendary English striker, Jimmy Greaves, born 20/2/40 in East Ham. Playing mostly prior to the period of ultra defensive football, his record in the English First Division is non the less staggering. After making his debut as a 17 year old, he scored 124 goals for Chelsea in only four seasons. After an unhappy spell with Milan in Italy, he returned to London to join Tottenham Hotspur, scoring in the 1962 FA Cup Final win over Burnley. Until his transfer to West Ham in 1970, he terrorized defences scoring 220 League goals in 321 appearances. In just over one season with the Hammers he added another 13 goals to take his tally to 357 goals before his retirement in 1971.

In 57 appearances for England he netted 44 times but what should have been the highlight of his distinguished career - a World Cup Winners medal - turned out to be one of his greatest disappointments. In the 1966 World Cup, he appeared in each of England's first round matches but sustained a shin injury in the process. Combined with the emergence of West Ham's Geoff Hurst and manager, Ramsay's unwillingness to alter a winning line-up, this was enough for Greaves to remain on the bench for the Final. Although he did go on to lead the First Division scoring chart in 1968-69 with 27 goals, he was not quite the same player again after missing out on the World Cup triumph.

Throughout his career, he was top scorer in the English First Division on six occasions, his 357 League goals were all scored in the top flight. Only Liverpool's Ian Rush has come anywhere near Greaves' consistency, players such as Spurs' Clive Allen have the occasional exceptional season, but cannot maintain the scoring momentum. To approach the tally set by Greaves, a striker would need to average 25 goals per season for 14 seasons - a feat which these days is just not possible. After his playing days were over, Jimmy Greaves had a much publicised battle with alcoholism. Thankfully he overcame that problem and is now one of the most popular and respected media personalities involved in English football.

## WEST END NSL

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| Marconi | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 4 |
| Sydney Olympic | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| Melbourne Croatia | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Sydney Croatia | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Footscray | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| **Brisbane Lions** | **3** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **5** | **5** | **3** |
| Brunswick Juventus | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| South Melbourne | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| St George | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 2 |
| Preston | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Leichhardt | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Sunshine G.C. | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 2 |
| Adelaide City | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 1 |

# profile *

**Full Name:** Grant Anthony Lightbown.
**Nickname:** "The Fridge"
**Date of Birth:** 27th November, 1963.
**Place of Birth:** Blackburn.
**Colour Hair:** Brown
**Colour Eyes:** Hazel
**Height:** Six foot
**Weight:** 84kg
**Marital Status:** Married to Dawn and have a daughter, Lydia.
**Occupation:** Plumber
**Superstitions:** None
**Favourite Food:** Goalkeepers
**Favourite Drink:** Steinlager
**Favourite T.V. Show:** Cheers
**Favourite Singer:** Luthor Vandross, Whitney Houston.
**Favourite Actor/Actress:** Richard Prior
**Personal Likes:** Money
**Personal Dislikes:** No money
**Hobbies:** Snooker and Fishing.
**Favourite form of Relaxation:** Lying in the sun.
**Shirt No.:** 7
**Position on Field:** Striker
**Previous Clubs:** Blackburn Rovers, Chorley, Mt Wellington.
**Representative Honours:** County Rep, Aukland Rep.
**Ambitions:** Be successful in whatever I do.
**Favourite Player:** Graeme Sounness
**Favourite Other Team:** Liverpool
**Favourite Sportsman:** D. Thompson
**Greatest Thrill in Soccer:** Playing against Everton.
**Biggest Dissappointment in Soccer:** None
**Dislikes in Soccer:** Australian Referees
**Biggest influence in Career:** Howard Kendall & Tom Howarth.
**Most Difficult Opponent:** Dave Watson

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## CONGRATULATIONS

To Jason Keepence and Kelli Dinsdale on their engagement. Jason, a player who has come through the junior ranks, is now constantly in the senior line-up. The club wishes them both all the best for the future.

# FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

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|---|---|---|---|
| ROUND 5 | Apia-Leichhardt v Brisbane Lions | (A) Sun, 28th Feb. | 5.00p.m. |
| ROUND 6 | Brisbane Lions v Sydney Croatia | (H) Sat, 6th Mar. | 6.00p.m. |
| ROUND 7 | Brisbane Lions v Brunswick Juventus | (H) Sun, 20th Mar. | 4.00p.m. |

To the Secretary,
Hollandia Sport & Social Club,
(Brisbane Lions Soccer Club),
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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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I (Name) _____ Occupation _____

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Signed _____

Date of application _____

Type of membership:- Full Financial:-

Male $25.00 .... Female $25.00 .... Pensioner Male $12.50 ...

Pensioner Female $12.50.... Lifemember Male $400.00 ....

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